

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
TARIFF ADVICE FILING AND PETITION FOR RELIEF

DOCKET NO. 5133

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island Gen. Laws §39-3-11, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.** at the PUC's office, Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comments regarding the Kent County Water Authority's tariff proposal. The hearing may continue thereafter from time to time as required. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

People interested in providing public comment at the meeting may participate in a Zoom meeting through the internet or by calling in, preferably 5-10 minutes prior to the hearing. To participate, click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88313392313> and you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. If you choose to participate by telephone, you may call 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 883 1339 2313 followed by the # symbol when prompted. If you are not interested in providing public comment, please watch the live stream at the address in the first paragraph. You will be able to observe the hearing and hear others' public comment.

In this docket, Kent County Water Authority's (KCWA) filed for approval to reduce customer service charges and public and private fire service charges and transition all water sales and public and private fire service from a quarterly to a monthly bill. KWCA seeks to implement the tariff changes over three steps, effective August 1, 2021 for the first step, September 1, 2021 for the second and October 1, 2021 for the third step. The tariff filing will be revenue neutral to KCWA. A Settlement Agreement was executed between the KCWA and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (collectively, the Parties) resolving the issues in the docket. Parties agreed that KCWA will effect one tariff change effective July 1, 2021 and that customers will see the transition of their bills from quarterly to monthly in either their August 2021, September 2021, or October 2021 bill. Customers will receive individual notifications prior to their transition to a monthly bill. If approved, the bill impact for a typical residential customer using 8,000 cubic feet of water per year is a decrease of \$1.00 per year from \$479.18 to \$478.18 or -0.2%.

The Settlement Agreement may be examined at the PUC's office. Also, it can be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5133page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Public Utilities Commission is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Clerk's office at 780-2107 seventy-two hours in advance of hearing date.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
May 8, 2021